

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of)	
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Petition for Waiver of)	
FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline)	
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New Mexico State Library,)	CC Docket No. 02-6
BEN 143269)	
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Schools and Libraries Universal Service)	
Support Mechanism)	

**Petition for Waiver of
FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2019
RE: FCC Form 471 191041790**

I. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

The New Mexico State Library rural bookmobile office in Tucumcari, NM, serves a diverse and rural community in western New Mexico. The bookmobile office has been a very small but successful participant of the E-Rate program. Residents in the area have little access to Internet at home and less access to library resources. The bookmobile office serves the residents with access to resources that would not otherwise be available.

The New Mexico State Library submitted and certified their Funding Year 2019 FCC Form 471, 191041790, in the EPC portal of the Schools and Libraries Division ("SLD") of the Universal Service Administrative Company's ("USAC") website, on April 4, 2019, 8 days after the FCC Form 471 filing deadline of March 27, 2019, for the 2019 funding year.

Due to a high vacancy rate within the Department of Cultural Affairs, the Department's Chief Information Officer is covering the responsibilities of four positions. He works E-Rate into his already busy work schedule, and is the sole person performing E-Rate duties. Due to his busy schedule, he was unable to file this 471 application before that date.

In the Bishop Perry Order, the Commission found that a slight delay in USAC's receipt of the applications did not warrant complete rejection of the application.

The above mentioned application was submitted and certified within two weeks of the filing deadline for applicants. In previous years, applications submitted and certified within two weeks of the filing window were viewed by the FCC as meeting the definition of "slight delay" as referenced in the Bishop Perry Order above.

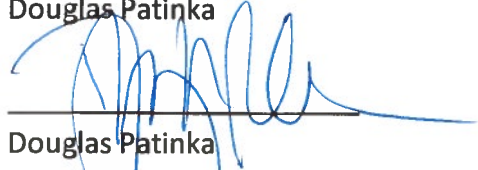
We acknowledge the Commission's concern and emphasis on retaining discretion to evaluate each situation on a case-by-case basis and respectfully request your consideration of our request.

II. Request

The New Mexico State Library respectfully petitions the Commission to request a waiver of the Funding Year 2019 FCC Form 471 filing deadline on behalf of the Tucumcari Rural Bookmobile Office to allow the Out of Window submission of their E-Rate Funding Year 2019 FCC Form 471 191041790 to allow E-Rate funding of the critical access to high speed Internet that allows the library to serve the members of their community in this rural and isolated part of New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,

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